

# **LOUISIANA**

## **NATIONAL GUARD**

### **ENLISTED ASSOCIATION**

#### **What is the Louisiana National Guard Enlisted Association?**

The Association is made up of Enlisted Army and Air National Guard Men and Women. To be a member, you must either be serving or retired from a federally recognized unit of the LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD. We also offer and Associate Membership to Officers.

**PROPOSE.** The primary objective is to promote and maintain STATE and NATIONAL SECURITY; to promote and advance the professionalism, status, welfare and unity of all LOUISIANA GUARDSPERSON and to foster their relationship with their Civilian Community as well as their Military environment .

#### **HISTORY OF LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION.**

The association was born in 1972. The association has been active in the state and national affairs to promote the benefits for its members and all enlisted men and women of the Louisiana National Guard. LANGEA has grown in the past Ten- (10) years to be one of the largest Enlisted Associations in the United States. LANGEA wants to grow to help insure the enlisted soldier and airman benefits will be protected.

#### **What does it cost you the soldier to be a member?**

Membership in both the National and State Associations is only \$18.00 a year. Please complete the application and send it along with the fee to the address noted on the membership form.

#### **What does the Association Do?**

Most of our objectives are achieved through Legislative Action. We support or oppose pending LEGISLATION which affects National Guard personnel, and bring attention to issues which we feel requires LEGISLATIVE ACTION. Legislative efforts are initiated through resolutions, which are adopted by General Membership at the Annual Conferences. National level issues are forward to the ENLISTED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES (EANGUS) for action at the National level. When appropriate, We join forces with the NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF LOUISIANA on issues that effect both Enlisted and Officer personnel. These issues are brought to the Membership by ANSWER THE CALL that EANGUS Issues to the MEMBERSHIP by writing or calling OUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

### **How do we do what we do?**

Most of the work of The ASSOCIATION is carried out by the Officers, and The Board of Directors and committees. While the Board of Directors oversees the overall operations of the Association, Committees, composed of individual members from the general membership do most of the "HANDS ON" work. Some of the COMMITTEES are listed below:

AWARDS	BYLAWS
CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENT	CONFERENCE PROGRAM
BUDGET/FINANCE	LEGISLATIVE
PUBLICATIONS	RESOLUTIONS
SCHOLARSHIP	WAYS AND MEANS
MEMBERSHIP	

Anyone desiring to help by serving on a committee can do so by applying to the board. We ENCOURAGE Membership participation and NEED YOURS IDEAS.

### **WHAT ARE THE DIRECT BENEFITS?**

We currently publish The NEWS AND VIEWS Magazine or newsletter Quarterly to provide information to you. EANGUS publish a Quarterly "NEW PATRIOT" Magazine to keep updated on what are happening in WASHINGTON AND OTHER STATES.

INSURANCE PROGRAMS: The ENLISTED ASSOCIATION has a cancer policy there is other insurance TERM LIFE contacts LTC DESORMEAUX.

EANGUS HAS PREFERRED VISION CARE, AVIS/HERTZ RENTAL CARS AND EANGUS TRAVEL BENEFITS, COLLEGE COUNSEL, MEMBERS LONG DISTANCE ADVANTAGE PHONE SERVICES, EANGUS MASTERCARD.

The National and State Enlisted Associations have played a vital role in protecting the benefits of the guard person and will continue to do so.

In the past few years the following benefits have pasted; Increase in retirement points to 90 point per year, AGR retirement at highest grade held, disability retirement for reserve members, Montgomery GI Bill increase payment and expansion to include Graduate Studies. VA Home loan for reserve members, Commissary privileges twenty-four days a year. , SGLI increases \$250000, \$100000 on spouse, State school tuition program. Scholarship programs in both EANGUS and LANGEA.

Benefits still in the works: Health Care Tricare improvements, retirement benefits for personnel retiring after 20 yrs of service.

The benefits we as military personnel have grown accustomed to are under close scrutiny. Some of the benefits the association fought for, we must now fight for, and we must now fight to keep! The Defense budget will be greatly reduced over the next few years. EANGUS and LANGEA must position themselves to meet the challenge of saving our benefits. On any political issue there is strength in numbers. We must bind together and project a strong unity as enlisted members of the National Guard. Your membership is important; it will show you care.

## **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:**

Annual Conference of the LANGEA consists of the business session, a military ball, and several social events connected with the meeting. Each command hosts a hospitality room where food and drink are plentiful. Awards presented during the annual conference: a. The Robert A. Haydel Award (Association member of the year). b. Army Guard: AGR NCO of the Year, MDAY NCO of the Year, AGR Soldier of the Year, MDAY Soldier of the Year. c. Air Guard: Senior NCO of the Year, NCO of the Year, Airman of the Year.

The association provides a Tony Lopez Scholarship Program for members and their dependents. There are three scholarships awarded annually in the amount of \$2000 each. The funds are available from a \$100,000 certificate of deposit designated for this purpose. Applications for these scholarships are annually. Watch your newsletter for details or ask your Director.